

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2001-329-C - ORDER NO. 2001-921

SEPTEMBER 7, 2001

IN RE:	Application of NewSouth Communications)	ORDER APPROVING
	Corp. for Approval of Alternative Regulation)	ALTERNATIVE <i>low</i>
	of its Interexchange Exchange Services.)	REGULATION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of NewSouth Communications Corp. (NewSouth or the Company) for approval of alternative regulation of its interexchange services. The Company seeks a relaxed form of regulation of its interexchange business service, consumer card service, operator service, and private line service offerings in keeping with the policy and procedures set out in Commission Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C. Specifically, NewSouth requests that certain of its business type interexchange tariffs not be required to indicate maximum rates and those tariffs be presumed valid upon filing, subject to the Commission's right within seven (7) days to institute an investigation of the tariff filing.

As per the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director, copies of NewSouth's Notice of Filing were sent through the Commission's subscription service. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received. Accordingly, we will dispose of the matter summarily.

We believe that alternative regulation is a legitimate competitive tool employed by a number of interexchange carriers under our jurisdiction. We hold that NewSouth's

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request for alternative regulation of its interexchange services should therefore be approved as filed.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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